

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BENNEKER et al.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 5, 1998

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 10, 12-14, 16, 18, 19, and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the following claims:

a' Claim 1 (amended): A compound[, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts] having the formula I:

